

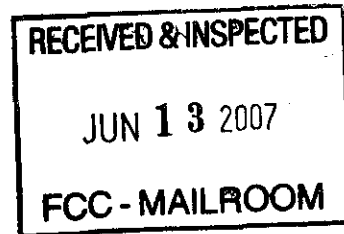
American Values

Gary L. Bauer, President

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VIA USPS

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554



Re: ~~Notice of Ex Parte Presentation~~; Application for Authority to
Transfer Control of XM Radio, Inc. and Sirius Satellite Radio, Inc.,
MB Docket No. 07-57

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of American Values, I am pleased to write in support of the proposed merger of Sirius Satellite Radio and XM Satellite Radio. This merger will make satellite radio a more appealing choice for many consumers. This is particularly the case for the constituency represented by American Values, which serves as a key voice for those interested in protecting the core values of life, marriage, family, faith and freedom.

We are particularly pleased that Sirius and XM have promised to offer consumers a number of impressive benefits if their merger is approved by regulators. Especially important to our membership is the commitment the parties have made to issue refunds to satellite radio subscribers who choose to block adult-themed programming. Like so many people, the majority of our members do not want their children and families exposed to programming they may find indecent or offensive. And, of course, those who do not have any interest in such programming should not be forced to pay for it or to subsidize the interests of others.

With all of the indecent and violent programming bombarding American families today, we applaud the efforts of Sirius and XM to empower consumers who want to avoid such content. This is clearly a step in the right direction.

We also have heard the arguments of some opponents who claim this merger should be blocked because it will create a "monopoly" that will have an unchecked ability to raise prices or otherwise harm consumers. Frankly, these arguments seem to be based more on competitive fears than a realistic assessment of the audio market.

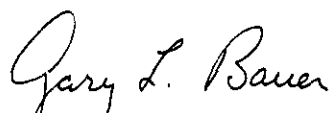
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The fact is that a Sirius-XM merger will make satellite radio a stronger player. Not surprisingly, other competitors (such as traditional AM/FM radio) are keen to stop that from happening. We believe that incumbent competitors should be forced to respond to this consumer-oriented merger by making their *own* service offerings more attractive, and should not be able to simply obstruct advances in the marketplace in order to serve their self-interests.

For all of these reasons, we urge you to seriously consider the many public interest benefits that will result from a combined satellite radio company and to give this proposed merger the benefit of the doubt. We believe that consumers will thank you if you do so.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary L. Bauer".

Gary L. Bauer
President, American Values

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